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Item 4.

From: MOSCOW, M.P.A.

CIRCULAR MESSAGE [a]

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To all embassies, legations [MISSIYA] and consulates of the U.S.S.R. abroad.

Cases are being observed where consular staff in our establishments abroad are not indicating in visas issued by them to citizens of other countries the official status [SLUZHEBNOE POLOZHENIE] of the persons to whom the visas are issued. This is leading to misunderstandings as in a number of instances foreign diplomatic agencies [PREDSTAVITEL'STVO] have represented one or another member of their staffs [RABOTNIK] to us as being in a capacity other than that shown in the application for the visa, or in a capacity other than that in which we consented to accept the foreigner in question. To avoid similar misunderstandings visas issued by you to members of the staffs of foreign diplomatic agencies in the U.S.S.R. must indicate their official status, which should correspond to the status shown in the application for the visa and against which no objections have been raised by us. Diplomatic visas should contain indications such as "attaché, second secretary, of such-and-such an embassy, legation, or the like, in the U.S.S.R.", and official [SLUZHEBNIY] visas indications such as "person employed on the staff of [SOTRUDNIK] such-and-such an embassy or legation in the U.S.S.R."

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